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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the accompanying application of)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is in response to the restriction requirement mailed 23 July 2007.

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the application to one of the following indicated grouping of claims and has required the applicant to elect one of these groups for prosecution on the merits.

Group I., claims 1 -7, 13-21, and 25, drawn to a process of making a catalyst, classified in class 502, subclass 104+;

Group II, claims 8-12, drawn to a catalyst, classified in class 502, subclass 300+; and

Group III, claims 22-24 and 26, drawn to a hydroprocessing method using a catalyst, classified in class 208, subclass 111+.

The applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute claims 8-12 of Group II.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's restriction requirement is improper; since, the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden to the Examiner. See MPEP §803.

In view of the above comments, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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